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(54) Title: A METHOD FOR MODULATING NOD1 ACTIVITY, USE OF A MTP RELATED MOLECULE FOR MODULATING NOD1 ACTIVITY, AND THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONS THEREOF

(57) Abstract: A method for modulating Nod1 activity wherein said method comprises the steps of providing cells expressing a functional Nod1; and bringing said cells into contact with a molecule related to compositions comprising a molecule related to MTP and use of a molecule related to MTP for modulating inflammation and/or apoptosis.

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X	GIRARDIN STEPHEN E ET AL: "Nod2 is a general sensor of peptidoglycan through muramyl dipeptide (MDP) detection." JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, vol. 278, no. 11, 14 March 2003 (2003-03-14), pages 8869-8872, XP002288593 ISSN: 0021-9258 Abstract; Fig. 1d. ----- -/-	1-5, 24, 26-34

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: 1-8, 15, 16, 18-20, 23 and 26-33 (partially)
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
1-5, 24, 26-34

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box II.1

Although claims 1-8, 15, 16, 18-19 and 23 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Although claims 20, 26-33 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box II.1

Claims Nos.: 1-8, 15, 16, 18-20, 23 and 26-33 (partially)

Claims 1-8, 15, 16, 18-19 and 23: Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Method for treatment of the human or animal body by therapy

Claims 20 and 26-33: Rule 39.1(iv) PCT - Diagnostic method practised on the human or animal body

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-5, 24, 26-34

Methods for modulating NOD1 activity by expressing Nod1 in a eukaryotic cell and bringing said cell into contact with a molecule related to muramyl tripeptide; and related methods based on the interaction NOD1 and muramyl tripeptide as well as the compositions comprising Nod1 and muramyl tripeptides.

2. claims: 6-8, 20, 25 (complete), 11 (partially)

Methods for treating or detecting inflammation processes using muramyl tripeptides.

3. claims: 9, 10

Muramyl tripeptide.

4. claims: 11 (partially), 12-19 (complete)

Use of muramyl tripeptide as adjuvant.

5. claim: 21

Method for screening a molecule comprising expression of Nod1 in a cell, contacting said cell with the compound and measuring the activation of NF-kappaB or IL-8.
